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1. SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL EMERGENCIES

STAFF, COMPILING LIST OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS ISSUED

UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS SINCE 1933, REPORTS THAT

PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES DEALING WITH MAJOR STEPS

IN US MIL INVOLVEMENT IN VN WAR ARE MISSING FROM

FEDERAL REGISTER. GAPS BECAME EVIDENT WITH ABSENCE

FROM FEDERAL REGISTER OF DIRECTIVES DISCLOSED IN

PENTAGON PAPERS AND IN DISCLOSURES OF SECRET

CAMBODIAN RAIDS IN 1969 (AP PHINQ, NYT).

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2. AFTER FAILING TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO ICCS HQ IN

SAIGON, WAR VETERAN BURNS SELF TO DEATH IN STREET

OUTSIDE, LEAVES FOUR LETTERS APPEALING TO THIEU,

STUDENTS, NVN LEADERS AND ICCS TO STOP FIGHTING

IN SOUTH (AP NYT, PHINQ). MCCOMBS (WP) FROM SAIGON COMMENTS THAT THIS HAS BECOME STANDARD FORM OF PROTEST BUT APPEARS FIRST TIME THAT IMMOLATOR DID NOT AIM CRITICISM AT GOVT. GVN -GLADLY" RELEASED TEXTS OF LETTERS THAT SUPPORT THIEU, CONDEMN COMMUNISTS, AND CRITICIZE ICCS FOR NOT DOING ANYTHING TO STOP WAR. INFORMATION ON BACKGROUND AND FAMILY OF VETERAN NOT AVAILABLE.
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3. GKR SOLDIERS FIND EVIDENCE OF ATROCITIES AT OUDONG, WITH SKELETONS STREWN ABOUT THAT WERE DECAPITATED OR HAD SMASHED SKULLS. ESCAPEES FROM POPULATION MARCHED AWAY BY REBELS SAY THAT HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS, OFFICIALS AND MONKS WERE MURDERED BY INSURGENTS, MOSTLY IN JUNGLE. SEVERAL BUDDHIST TEMPLES AND AT LEAST ONE MOSQUE HAD BEEN BLOWN UP FROM INSIDE (AP SUN, PHINQ, NYPOST 7/11). WESTERN ANALYST EXPLAINS DESTRUCTION AS FUNCTION OF CLASHING IDEOLOGIES AMONG INSURGENTS: "ULTRAEXTREMIST" COMMUNISTS WHO WANT COMPLETE REVAMP OF KHMER SOCIETY AND DESTRUCTION OF ALL LINKS WITH PAST ARE GAINING CONTROL OVER MODERATES THROUGH STRONG DISCIPLINE AND DETERMINATION (AP, S-N 7/11).

4. AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES SAY LAOTIAN COALITION GOVT. DECIDES TO DISSOLVE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AT STORMY CABINET MEETING AFTER SOUVANNA THREATENED TO RESIGN BECAUSE RIGHT-WINGERS TRIED TO ATTACH CONDITIONS TO DISSOLUTION (AP, PHINQ). GOVT. SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCES DISSOLUTION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. SOUVANNA THREAT TO QUIT ENDED BICKERING AND CABINET "UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED" TO FORWARD DECISION TO KING (UPI, BALTO N-A 7/11). PL COALITION MEMBERS ARGUED HEATEDLY FOR DISSOLUTION OF MOSTLY RIGHT-WING ASSEMBLY, SAYING WAS ILLEGAL SINCE WAS ELECTED WHEN LAOS STILL AT WAR AND COALITION NOT YET FORMED.
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AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES SAY SOUVANNA DECIDED TO DISSOLVE ASSEMBLY AFTER TWO MEMBERS TRIED TO STAGE PROTEST RECENTLY AGAINST CONTINUED PRESENCE OF NVN FORCES IN LAOS (UPI, NYT).

5. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY RAIDERS, BELIEVED MEO TRIBESMEN, ATTACKED BUS ON VIENTIANE - LUANG PRABANG HIGHWAY AND KILLED TWO UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGNERS AND TWO LAOTIANS WITH AUTOMATIC-RIFLE FIRE AND GRENADES. NO IMMEDIATE EXPLANATION FOR AMBUSH OFFERED (UPI, NYT).

CHINA

6. WSJ REPORTS -SENIOR US DIPLOMATS" BELIEVE CHOU EN-LAI IS BEING EASED OUT OF POWER FOR EITHER POLITICAL OR HEALTH REASONS. SHARPLY REVERSING RECENT READINGS ON PREMIER'S STATUS, SOURCES REPORT THAT MAO ASSERTS HIMSELF MORE, AND SHOWED ASTONISHING GRASP OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN RECENT MEETING WITH WESTERN VISITORS.

7. AP (TOKYO) SAYS KUO LIN-HSIANG, DENOUNCED IN 1967 AS "OBSTINATE FOLLOWER" OF LIU SHAO-CHI, HAS RETURNED TO FAVOR AND IS NOW POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF PLA'S GENERAL LOGISTICS DEPT. NCNA IDENTIFIED KUO THURSDAY AS AMONG HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED RECEPTION IN HONOR OF ALBANIAN ARMY'S FOUNDING (PHINQ, NYT).

8. REUTER MOSCOW REPORTS CHARGE BY SOVIET ARMY NEWSPAPER THAT PRC INVENTED BOGUS SOVIET MENACE AS EXCUSE FOR MASSIVE MILITARIZATION. CLAIMS THAT TO JUSTIFY VAST ARMS EXPENDITURE THAT IS NOW MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF CHINESE BUDGET, PEKING HAS EMBARKED ON NEW CHAUVINISTIC CAMPAIGN. ADDS THAT PRC IS BUILDING UP NAVY IN SOUTH CHINA SEA AND PURSUING POLICY OF EXPANSION IN SOUTH AND SE ASIA. MAINTAINS THAT 60-65 PERCENT OF ALL SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS FINANCED BY PRC AND 73.5 PERCENT OF ALL IMPORTS ARE MILITARY-ORIENTED.

9. ORGANIZERS OF SEVENTH ASIAN GAMES SAY PRC PLANS SENDING MORE THAN 300 ATHLETES TO COMPETE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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AT LEAST 11 TO 16 SPORTS EVENTS IN SEPT. CHINESE ATHLETES HAVE NOT COMPETED IN MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS SINCE 1937, BUT IN YEAR THEY HAVE BECOME ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART IN MOST ASIAN GAMES EVENTS. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS HAVE GIVEN PRC GREEN LIGHT TO COMPETE IN SHOOTING, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, FENCING, TENNIS, TABLE TENNIS, WEIGHT LIFTING, WRESTLING, GYMNASTICS, BADMINTON AND SOCCER, EVEN THOUGH PEKING IS NOT YET NECESSARILY AFFILIATED TO ALL THOSE RESPECTIVE FEDERATIONS. IAAF WILL DECIDE IN ROME DURING LATE AUGUST WHETHER PRCTRACK AND FIELD START MAY TAKE PART IN GAMES (UPI, NYT).

JAPAN

10. MIKI FORMALLY SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION FRIDAY, SAYING HE WILL DEVOTE HIMSELF "TO THE RENOVATION OF THE LDP." POLITICAL OBSERVERS SAY THIS MAY FORCE TANAKA TO RESHUFFLE CABINET (REUTER TOKYO).

11. GOJ INSTRUCTS EMBASSY IN US TO "EXPRESS CONCERN" OVER AMERICA'S RECENT UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST.

SIMILAR PROTEST TO USSR OVER REPORTED SOVIET TEST BEING HELD UP UNTIL CONFIRMATION OF BLAST RECEIVED (AP TOKYO 7/11).

12. GOVT'S LIFTING OF WIDE RANGE OF PRICE CEILINGS SEEN HERALDING NEW PERIOD OF INFLATION. TANAKA ADMIN EXPECTED TO AUTHORIZE HIKES IN RAILWAY, BUS, AND AIRLINE FARES, GAS RATES AND FOOD COSTS, WITH OTHER INCREASES EXPECTED TO FOLLOW. MITI ALREADY REMOVING CONTROLS ON OIL PRODUCTS AND 44 OTHER KEY ITEMS. BUT MITI RESTRICTIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED WHEN FELT REMOVAL COULD RESULT IN NEW ROUND OF SPECULATIVE BUYING AND HOARDING (JOC).

13. JAPAN TO OPEN SUGAR FUTURES MARKET IN TOKYO, IN COMPETITION WITH THOSE IN LONDON AND NY (JOC).

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14. AUSTRALIAN LABOR UNIONS HAVE LIFTED BAN ON SINATRA AFTER 4-HOUR MEETING BETWEEN HIS LAWYERS AND TRADE UNION COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAWKE, ALLOWING CONCERT TOUR TO RESUME. SINATRA DID NOT MAKE DEMANDED OUTRIGHT APOLOGY, BUT SAID HE REGRETTED INJURIES IN ROUGHHOUSE INCIDENTS AND MEANT NO GENERAL SLUR AGAINST PRESS, ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR PROFESSIONAL DUTY TO KEEP PUBLIC INFORMED ABOUT "VISIT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CELEBRITY" (AP PHINQ, BALT N-A 7/11; WP; NYPOST; NYT; CSM; REUTER SYDNEY).

15. OIL AND GAS SHORTAGE LOOMS AS SHIP ENGINEERS' STRIKE BRINGS SHIPPING GRINDING TO HALT (JOC).

16. RURAL FARM PRODUCTION REPORTED UP OVER LAST YEAR, WITH MOST SPECTACULAR RISE IN WHEAT CROP (JOC).

KOREA

17. REPORTS CONFLICT ON SENTENCING OF 7 LEFTISTS BY SK MILITARY COURT. AFP (PHINQ) SAYS POET KIM CHI HA INCLUDED, BUT WP'S OBERDORFER REPORTS KIM NOT AMONG THE 7, BUT CHARGED IN SEPARATE, RELATED TRIAL. OTHERS SENTENCED INCLUDED SUH TO WON AND TO YE-JONG, BOTH LEADERS OF DEFUNCT PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (AP NYT, SUN, GLOBE, BALT N-A 7/11; CSM).

PHILIPPINES

18. US MISSIONARY PAUL WILSON, ACCUSED OF SUBVERSION, LEFT WITH WIFE AND SON FOR US THURSDAY. IMMIGRATION

AUTHORITIES SAY COUPLE ORDERED TO LEAVE AND TOLD
"NEVER TO RETURN." BUT WILSON CLAIMS HE WAIVED

DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS AND LEFT VOLUNTARILY
(UPI PHINQ, WP).

THAILAND

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19. DOZEN F-111'S LEAVE TAKHLI FOR GOOD IN FIRST STAGE
OF PROGRAM TO END ALL USAF OPERATIONS THERE BY
OCT. 1. THESE PLANES AND 24 OTHERS ALONG WITH
600 SERVICEMEN WILL BE RELOCATED AT KORAT; 1100
MEN NOW AT TAKHLI WILL RETURN TO US (REUTER TAKHLI).

LOS

20. US DELEGATE STEVENSON DECLARES READINESS TO ABANDON
TRADITIONAL 3-MILE CLAIM IN FAVOR OF 200-MILE
"ECONOMIC ZONE" WITH 12-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT,
"PROVIDED IT IS PART OF AN ACCEPTABLE COMPREHENSIVE
PACKAGE." US SEEKS UNIMPEDED NAVIGATION THROUGH
STRAITS AND ACCEPTANCE OF SOME INTERNATIONAL BODY
TO SUPERVISE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF SEAS
NOT UNDER COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION (AP SUN,
PHINQ).

GENERAL

21. MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY TO MAKE 7-WEEK DOS-
SPONSORED ASIA TOUR BEGINNING AUG 23. STOPS IN
11 NATIONS INCLUDE SAIGON, SEOUL, HK, TAIPEI,
MANILA, JAKARTA, SINGAPORE, KL, BANGKOK, RANGOON,
TOKYO, AND OTHER JAPANESE CITIES (NYT; WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

CHINA

22. STLPD'S PATRICIA RICE (JULY 7), IN RACINE, WISCONSIN,
WRITES LENGTHY ARTICLE ON CHIANG CHING ON BASIS OF
ROXANNE WITKE'S PRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE ON
"WOMEN IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA," SPONSORED
BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS, NATIONAL
COALITION FOR RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S EDUCATION, AND
JOHNSON FOUNDATION. MS. WITKE SAID MANY WHO HAVE
RISEN THROUGH CCP RANKS RESENT CHIANG CHING'S ACCESS
TO MAO, WITHOUT HAVING TO UNDERGO THEIR EXPERIENCES.

23. S-N'S YMELDA DIXON (JULY 11) DESCRIBES GRC EMBASSY'S
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EIGHTH ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY FOR 2,000 CONGRESSIONAL SMER INTERNS, GIVEN UNDER TIGHT SECURITY. "AFFABLE" AMBASSADOR SHEN DECLINED COMMENT ON SENATOR JACKSON'S CALL TO WITHDRAW RECOGNITION FROM GRC, BUT DIXON FINDS INTERNS' OPINION ON JACKSON STAND RUNNING PRETTY MUCH LIKE BOSS CONGRESSMAN, LIKE INTERN. FINDS COMPLETE CONSENSUS ON ONE ISSUE: THE SHENS GAVE A GREAT PARTY WHICH FEW EMBASSIES ARE PHYSICALLY OR FINANCIALLY EQUIPPED TO HANDLE.

24. S-N (JULY 11) STAFFER GEORGE GELLES CALLS WUSHU "THE NIFTIEST CHINESE EXPORT SINCE EGG ROLLS." BUT SAYS "SHOW ISN'T TOTAL BLISS. IF WUSHU IS THEATRICAL ENTERTAINMENT, THEN I'M CHAIRMAN MAO...IT'S POKEY LITTLE PROGRAM, A DRAMATIC EQUIVALENT OF THE SLOW BOAT TO CHINA. ARTISTICALLY IT'S JUNK, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR ANY SORT OF EXPERIENCE THAT WIDENS THE HEART AND MIND. WUSHU WIDENS THE EYEBALLS WITH ITS HARD-CORE VIRTUOISTY, BUT IT GENERATES AN EXCITEMENT THAT QUICKLY GROWS BLAND."

25. STEPHEN ROSENFELD (WP OP ED) SEES SENATOR JACKSON FORCING NEW DEBATE ON CHINA. HE WOULD SET ASIDE NIXON-HAK POLICY OF TREATING USSR AND PRC EVEN-HANDEDLY AND WOULD THICKEN SINO-US TIES TO PUT MORE SQUEEZE ON SOVIETS. JACKSON BELIEVES NIXON HAS NOT EFFECTIVELY PLAYED "CHINA CARD" IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIANS, WHICH FEARFUL OF SINO-US ALLIANCE AGAINST THEM. HE REGARDS CHINA CARD ESPECIALLY WORTH WIELDING WHEN OTHER SOURCES OF LEVERAGE ARE LOSING FORCE; AND WOULD, IN EFFECT, STOP OFFERING SOVIETS ASSURANCE THAT WASHINGTON AND PEKING WILL NOT JOIN IN SOME KIND OF ALLIANCE AGAINST THEM.

ROSENFELD INDICATES THAT THE LESS REWARDING AND THE LESS HOPEFUL SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE COMES TO APEAR, THE BETTER CHANCE JACKSON HAS TO BECOME PRES AND THE MORE RECEPTIVE AMERICANS MAY BECOME TO HIS STRATEGY OF PLAYING THE CHINA CARD. ROSENFELD ALSO WONDERS WHETHER SOME KREMLIN POLICYMAKERS REALIZE HOW USSR'S FOREIGN POLICY - UNCLASSIFIED

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ITS DANGEROUS ME STANCE LAST FALL, ITS ONGOING MISSILE PROGRAMS, ITS CROWDING AND INTIMIDATION OF CHINA - FEEDS JACKSON CANDIDACY AND NOURISHES CLOSER SINO-US TIES. IF SOME SOVIET POLICYMAKERS REALIZE THEIR OWN IMPACT ON US POLITICS, SAYS ROSENFELD, THEN IT BECOMES POSSIBLE THAT JACKSON'S

PEKING TRIP IS FORCING CHINA DEBATE NOT ONLY IN WASHINGTON BUT IN MOSCOW ALSO. IN HAK'S PHRASE, THERE IS ALSO A "JACKSON CARD," WHICH THE ADMIN PLAYS IN ITS DEALINGS WITH USSR, SOMETIMES OPENLY, EITHER BY NOTING PRES' NEED TO ACCOMMODATE POLITICAL FORCES LED BY JACKSON OR BY ALLUDING TO PROSPECT THAT COLLAPSE OF DETENTE MIGHT ELECT JACKSON IN 1976. ROSENFELD RAISES QUESTION: COULD THERE BE SOME IN THE KREMLIN WHO, CONTESTING OTHERS, PLAY THE JACKSON CARD TOO?

2 . SPECIAL TO CSM FROM LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES SERVICE NOTES THAT CHINESE "HAVE HARDLY LET A WEEK PASS" RECENTLY WITHOUT ISSUING NEWS ITEMS ON PROGRESS OF THEIR OIL INDUSTRY; BUT ALTHOUGH THEY CLEARLY HAVE CONSIDERABLE CRUDE SURPLUS AT PRESENT, THEY HAVE MADE VERY LITTLE EFFORT TO SELL IT ABROAD. ONE IMPORTANT DELAYING FACTOR IS PROBABLY LACK OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES: ALL OIL FROM TACHING TRAVELS BY TRAIN TO DAIREN WHERE WATER IS TOO SHALLOW TO TAKE SHIPS OF MORE THAN 20,000 TONS. CHINESE ARE BUILDING PIPELINE, BUT THEY CANNOT BERTH SUPERTANKERS.

SO FAR, THEY HAVE SOLD ONLY VERY SMALL QUANTITIES OF OIL. APART FROM ABOUT TWO MILLION TONS TO JAPAN, ONLY FEW THOUSAND TONS HAVE GONE TO NEIGHBORS LIKE HK AND THAILAND. WHAT THEY PLAN IN LONG TERM IS STILL FAR FROM CLEAR. AT TACHING, SURPLUS CRUDE IS STORED IN UNDERGROUND TANKS; BUT PRODUCTION IS RISING FAST, AND GAP BETWEEN OUTPUT AND REFINERY CAPACITY IS GROWING. CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT GOES INTO REFINERY EXPANSION, BUT IT WILL BE SOME TIME BEFORE REFINERIES CAN HANDLE ANYTHING LIKE CURRENT PRODUCTION (50 MILLION TONS).

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PEKING COULD BUY KNOW-HOW, TRANSPORT, HANDLING, AND EQUIPMENT TO SPEED UP PROCESS. BUT QUESTION IS NOT JUST SIMPLE ONE OF WHETHER OR WHEN TO SELL. CHINA IS EXTREMELY CONSCIOUS OF OIL'S VALUE AS POLITICAL WEAPON, AND WILL CERTAINLY WANT TO AVOID UPSETTING ITS ARAB FRIENDS BY UNTOWARD MOVES IN OIL SALES, ALTHOUGH IT UNDOUBTEDLY COULD WIN FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE IN THIRD WORLD BY JUDICIOUS DISTRIBUTION AND PRICE ADJUSTMENT.

CHINA IS FAR FROM BEING ABLE TO CONSUME ALL ITS OUTPUT, AND WESTERN EXPERTS EXPECT PRODUCTION TO CONTINUE SOARING EVEN WITHOUT EMBARKING ON DEVELOPMENT OF ABUNDANT OFFSHORE RESOURCES. IN LONG RUN, AS HUGE, POWERFUL, HEAVILY INDUSTRIALIZED NATION --

WHICH IT MUST BECOME IN ORDER TO GIVE ITS CITIZENS
REASONABLE MEASURE OF PROSPERITY -- PRC WILL
PROBABLY CONSUME BULK OF ITS OWN OIL RESOURCES.

KOREA

27. GLOBE STAFFER KAY LONGCOPE REPORTS SUN MYUNG MOON'S
UNIFICATION CHURCH DISTRIBUTING 600,000 FREE TICKETS
TO THREE-DAY "GALA CELEBRATION OF LIFE" IN BOSTON.
ARTICLE LOOKS INTO SOURCE OF ORGANIZATION'S
FINANCING AND ITS ROKG CONNECTIONS. RE LATTER,
IDENTIFIES MOON'S CHIEF AIDE AND LEADER IN US
AS COL. B. HI PAK, FORMER KCIA MEMBER AND PRINCIPAL
EVANGELIST AT 3-DAY BOSTON MEETING. CITES DOS
OFFICIAL AS SAYING: "THE FACT THAT MOON AND HIS
NUTTY RELIGION ORGANIZATIONS ARE BEING REPRESSED
LEADS PEOPLE TO WONDER IF THERE IS AN INTELLIGENCE
CONNECTION." SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS HIS
"SUSPICION THAT MOON IS NO REAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER,
BUT SINCE HE IS INVOLVED WITH THE COLLECTION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF FUNDS, THEY MAY BE FUNNELED BACK TO
KOREA FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES." COL. PAK DENIED
ORGANIZATION HAD ANY LINK WITH ROKG.

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28. FROM SYDNEY, LAT'S LAMB (JULY 11) SAYS AUSTRALIAN
LABOR MOVEMENT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY MILITANT,
POLITICAL, LEFTIST, POWERFUL AND CONFIDENT. UNLIKE
IN US, WHERE UNIONS HAVE MOVED BASICALLY IN STEP
WITH SOCIETY, AUSSIE LABOR MOVEMENT IS DEDICATED
TO CHANGING SOCIETY AND TO SOCIALISM. ITS
VEHICLE IS CONFRONTATION; ITS AIMS ARE POLITICAL,
NOT MERELY MONETARY. IT IS THE SINGLE MOST
POWERFUL FORCE IN AUSTRALIA - MORE POWERFUL IN
MANY WAYS THAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT ITSELF, LAMB
DECLARES.

CITES BUILDERS LABORERS' FEDERATION AND ITS EX-
OFFICIO LEADER, JACK MUNDEY - A 100 DOLLAR A WEEK
LABORER AND A COMMUNIST WITH NO TIES TO RUSSIA OR
CHINA - AS CASE IN POINT. MUNDEY AND BLF, COMPRISED
LARGELY OF TRANSIENT, NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING MIGRANTS,
HAVE TIED UP 3.5 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF CONSTRUCTION
PGJECTS BY IMPOSING 47 "GREEN BANS" FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
REASONS, DELAYED A PROPOSED MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR
FREEWAY EXTENSION AND SAVED HALF DOZEN HISTORIC
AREAS FROM DEMOLITION. IF THEY CONSIDER A PROJECT
TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PEOPLE, THEY SIMPLY REFUSE
TO WORK ON IT.

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REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP FROM WORKER PARTICIPATION
TO WORKER CONTROL, AND TAKEN TO THEIR LOGICAL
CONCLUSION COULD GIVE UNIONS SWAY OVER A WIDE
RANGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES. NOTES THAT BLF NOW HAS A
SOCIOLOGIST, AN ARCHITECT, AND CONSERVATIONIST
ADVISING WHICH PROJECTS UNION SHOULD WORK ON OR
REJECT. UNION ALSO HAS SOCIAL PLANNER LIVING WITH
PEOPLE IN SYDNEY DISTRICT OF WOOLLOOMOOLOO TO
DECIDE WHAT FORM PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT THERE
SHOULD TAKE.

BLF LAST WEEK WAS DEREGISTERED NATIONALLY BY AUSTRALIAN
INDUSTRIAL COURT IN MELBOURNE; ACTION MEANT THAT
BLF MEMBERS LOST LEGAL ENTITLEMENT TO FEDERAL WAGE
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AWARDS. COURT SAID UNION HAD CAUSED DELIBERATE AND
CONTINUAL INDUSTRIAL LAWLESSNESS AND DISRUPTION FOR
FOUR YEARS. KISSINGER

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